

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the first full paragraph on page 8 with the following amended paragraph:

When the various housings described above have been assembled together, initially a mixture of inert gas, such as , for example, 95% argon and 5% helium, is injected into the hollow interior of the cylindrical housing 2 through the filling plug 35 which is then closed. The pyrotechnic charges are located within the chambers 17, 39 of the respective pyrotechnic units 3, 4, and the respective closures ~~15~~ 16, 37 are then located in position together with the appropriate squibs.

Please replace the second paragraph on page 8 and continuing onto page 9, with the following amended paragraph:

On actuation of the gas generator 1, initially the squib mounted in the closure ~~15~~ 16 of the first pyrotechnic unit 3 will be actuated to ignite the pyrotechnic charge contained within the chamber 17. The resultant hot gas will flow through the central gas flow passage 20 provided through the locating plate 18 and the projection 19, and will act upon the plunger assembly 24. The gas will force the complete plunger assembly towards the right, as shown in Figure 1. Thus the plug 27 will move to the right causing the foil 14 (initially supported by the plug 27) to rupture, thus opening the central aperture 13 formed in the base 7 of the cup-shaped housing 5 of the first pyrotechnic unit 3. The plunger assembly 24 will move to the right until the piston head engages the inwardly directed swaging 22 formed on the guide tube 21. The gas pressure within the chamber 17 will then continue to rise to such an extent that the plug 27 will become ejected from the hollow stem 26 of the piston 25 (Figure 2). Gas is then directed from the chamber 17 through the hollow stem 26 of the piston 25 so that the gas from the chamber 17 is directed well into the chamber defined within the cylindrical housing 2 and becomes admixed with the mixture of inert gas within that chamber. The perforated burst disc guard 40 serves to prevent the burst

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disc 34 from being physically struck by the plug 27 as it is ejected from the piston stem 26, into the chamber defined within the cylindrical housing.